GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Youth Policy formed in 1989 has not been effective in dealing with the problems affecting the adolescents;

(b) if so, whether as per the survey conducted in different States, almost 90 percent of the youth, by the time they reach 17-18 years of age, become rudderless and disillusioned;

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this direction;

(d) whether the National Youth Policy under preparation would cover these points; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (e): A National Youth Policy (NYP)was formulated and tabled in Parliament in 1988. However, a need was felt by the Government for a review of the existing National Youth Policy in view of rapid socio-economic changes in the country and also to address various problems confronting the youth. The Government have, accordingly, drafted a new NYP in consultation with all concerned Union Ministries/Departments, Universities, Youth Wings of Political Parties and Voluntary Organisations.The draft new NYP has identified certain priority target groups of young people covering youth with disabilities, rural youth, unemployed youth, out-of-school youth, street children and students, besides adolescents to redress their problems. The problems affecting the adolescents have found due place in the draft New Youth Policy. In fact, to bring the adolescents into the focus of attention, it has been proposed to lower the defining age of the youth from 15-35 years to 13-35 years.